

City Council

Mission. The mission of the City Council is to provide policy direction for the City of Wichita to develop, implement, and maintain services for the citizens of Wichita.

Overview. The Council establishes policy direction for the City by enacting ordinances, laws, and policies, adopting the budget, levying taxes, and appointing members to the new District Advisory Boards (DABS) and other citizen advisory boards and commissions. The seven-member Council is elected to four-year terms on a nonpartisan basis with staggered terms of office. Six Council members are elected by district, and the Mayor is elected at-large.



The Mayor and Governor of Kansas, Bill Graves, meeting on issues critical to the City.

The City Council coordinates efforts and establishes relationships with other elected officials at all levels of government. Members of the Council represent the City in several national and international organizations. In

2000, the Mayor was the President of the National League of Cities (NLC), an organization representing 18,000 cities nationwide.

Four Council members serve on NLC committees consisting of Public Safety and Crime Prevention; Community and Economic Development; Human Development Steering Committee; and Energy, Environment and Natural Resources. Additionally, the Mayor is active in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Public Technology Incorporated.

Wichita is an active participant in the Sister Cities International program. The program's goals include enriching community life through exhibits, tours, and exchanges; providing a setting for meeting community leaders from cities around the world; creating opportunities for cultural activities and exchanges; providing host families for visitors from Wichita's Sister Cities; and supporting student exchange programs for students from Wichita's Sister Cities.

Wichita's Sister Cities are Tlalneapantla and Cancun, Mexico, Orleans, France, and Kaifeng, China. Council members represent the City both when receiving visitors and when visiting Sister Cities.

Finance and Operations. Funding continues to support the needs of the leadership positions the Mayor and Council members hold with the National League of Cities. The budget is slightly increased to support Internet and e-mail technology added for Council members late in 1999.

City Council Department Budget Summary

	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
Personal Services	218,754	256,380	258,260	263,120	269,850
Contractual Services	72,544	77,940	82,290	76,460	76,460
Commodities	23,816	6,400	18,700	18,700	18,700
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Other	243	21,000	8,700	8,700	8,700
Total City Council Expenditures	315,357	361,720	367,950	366,980	373,710
Position Summary					
Total full-time	9	9	9	9	9
Total part-time	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE	9	9	9	9	9